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## Occupied Germany

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 13 July 1946. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the two week period 1—15 June 1946 (Veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly).

### Communicable Diseases:

For the fourth consecutive week there have been no reported cases of typhus fever in the entire Zone. There has been an increased incidence of typhoid fever, dysentery, and malaria for the Zone as a whole. Typhoid fever has shown a slight increase in all three Laender, Bremen and Berlin US Sector with a total of 78 reported cases during the week as compared with 63 cases for the previous week. Dysentery has increased in all Laender, particularly in Bavaria and US Sector Berlin, with a total of 44 cases as against 17 in the previous week. Malaria has increased by six cases for the Zone as a whole, all Laender showing a decreased incidence while the incidence in US Sector Berlin was increasing by 19 cases. There has been a decreased incidence, for the Zone as a whole, in reported cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, whooping cough and measles. Diphtheria has shown a slight decrease in Wuerttemberg-Baden, in Bremen a decrease from 65 cases during the previous week to 44 cases this week, and from 74 cases during the previous week in US Sector Berlin to 57 for the week ended 13 July. Scarlet fever, while showing a decrease for the Zone, has increased by 21 cases in US Sector Berlin over the previous week. Tuberculosis has also shown an overall decrease but has increased in US Sector Berlin from 55 cases during the previous week to 71 in the present week. Whooping cough has decreased by approximately 100 cases in Land Bavaria but has shown a slight increase in Wuerttemberg-Baden. The incidence of measles has decreased in both Bavaria and Wuerttemberg-Baden. There has been no significant change in the reported cases of gonorrhea and syphilis for the Zone during the week but again there has been a noticeable decrease in both diseases in US Sector Berlin.

### Medical Supplies:

Bremen reports an estimated need of 8000 kilos codliver oil to relieve the Vitamin B deficiency in infants and small children. The recent nutrition survey confirmed this need and an application for the necessary codliver oil has been submitted. Also Bremen reports release, from German sources, of 100 beds and mattresses for use in the St. Joseph Hospital in Wesermunde. In Wuerttemberg-Baden, the shortage of many items of laboratory equipment has reached the stage where, unless additional supplies are obtained from other Zones, it will shortly be necessary to either close the laboratories or consolidate them to such an extent that their functions would be much less adequate.

### Hospitalization:

A recent survey in Land Greater Hesse indicates the immediate need of 2,365 tuberculosis beds in spite of the fact that during the past five months 4,000 beds have been acquired. In Wuerttemberg-Baden it is estimated that there are 10,000 cases of tuberculosis. With only 2,600 beds allocated to such cases, all of which are occupied, there remain 7,400 unhospitalized tuberculosis patients. It is expected that an additional 700—1000 beds can be provided by 1 January 1947 but this will still leave a deficit of 6,000 beds. Bad Boll Spa Kurhaus, in Kreis Goeppingen, has a capacity of 300 beds and has recently been inspected with a view to obtaining the property for a tuberculosis hospital. Schloss Hornegg in Kreis Heilbronn has been evacuated by the 57th Field Hospital and will immediately be converted into

a civilian tuberculosis hospital. Land Bavaria presents a brighter picture with a statement that there will be sufficient beds and facilities within 30—60 days to hospitalize every known open infectious case of tuberculosis in Bavaria as a result of acquiring 3500 beds during the past two months.

#### **Nutrition:**

As the result of dietary shortages reported among DP patients in German hospitals it was revealed that many hospitals were unaware of the increased rations allocated to patients suffering from diseases requiring treatment with high caloric diets. Action is being taken to correct this situation.

#### **Venereal Disease:**

Greater Hesse reports the distribution of 100,000 anti-VD posters throughout the Land as well as sponsoring radio lectures and skits and civilian school programs in the joint Army-Civilian fight against venereal disease. The Public Health officials of Land Bavaria have coordinated plans for publicity on matters of public health. Venereal Disease is given top priority during 15 July — 15 August to be followed by tuberculosis control 15 August — 15 September 1946.

#### **Nursing Affairs:**

In Bremen Enclave approximately 300 Free Nurses have registered preparatory to organizing a nursing association to be known as the Agnes Karll-Verband. Plans submitted by the Bavarian authorities for the organization of a Bavarian Cooperative Association for the Promotion of Sick Nursing (Bayerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft zur Foerderung der Krankenpflege) and of a Bavarian Land Association of Midwives have been reviewed by the Military Government.

#### **Animal Diseases:**

During the period 1—15 June 1946, in the order of most farmsteads infected, the six most prevalent diseases were swine erysipelas, foot-and-mouth disease, fowl plague, scabies of horses, infectious anemia of horses, and hog cholera. Despite fairly good control of foot-and-mouth disease during April and early May, the disease broke out anew in Regierungsbezirk Wiesbaden in late May and has shown an increase during the present period. Hog cholera, infectious anemia, and fowl plague have shown a slight decrease over previous periods.

# APPENDIX "A"

## Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 13 July 1946

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																				c: Cases d: Deaths					
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
TOTAL US Zone	£ 16,201,284	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	677 16	191 2	678 157	103 12	640 1	8 2	6 1	2485 —	718 1	78 3	16 44	12 2	— —	9 1	3447 —	—	1 —	37 —	22 —	180 —
Mainfranken	935,625	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	29 —	9 —	41 2	7 —	26 —	— —	— —	27 —	12 —	8 —	2 —	6 —	— —	— —	162 —	—	—	—	—	3 —
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	97 2	22 —	81 30	1 1	71 —	2 1	— —	357 —	112 —	14 —	3 —	2 —	— —	— —	699 —	—	1 —	—	12 —	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	44 1	15 —	27 8	1 —	44 —	— —	— —	204 —	63 1	7 —	— —	1 —	— —	1 —	586 —	—	—	—	4 —	
Schwaben	1,040,631	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	35 3	7 —	61 8	6 —	92 —	— —	— —	151 —	28 —	2 1	— —	5 1	4 —	— —	191 —	—	—	—	6 —	
Oberbayern	2,160,916	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	75 5	24 2	74 16	6 —	118 —	1 —	1 —	346 —	104 —	7 1	1 3	— 1	— —	— —	328 —	—	4 —	—	108 —	
Kassel	1,153,323	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	64 1	11 —	25 10	9 —	23 —	— —	— —	138 —	39 —	4 —	— —	— —	3 —	— —	86 —	—	—	—	—	
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	67 2	21 —	62 9	9 1	39 1	2 —	1 —	396 —	139 —	9 —	2 —	2 —	— —	— —	5 —	—	—	—	—	
Hessen	1,178,132	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	50 1	11 —	80 11	12 —	43 —	1 —	2 —	158 —	28 —	— —	3 —	1 —	— —	9 —	301 —	—	—	22 —	33 —	
Baden	1,249,127	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	80 —	15 —	92 8	25 1	31 —	2 —	— —	220 —	47 —	11 —	— —	3 —	— —	— —	952 —	1 —	—	—	—	
Württemberg	2,044,156	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	79 —	16 —	64 16	12 5	153 —	1 1	2 —	252 —	56 —	6 —	1 3	— —	3 —	— —	137 —	—	4 —	—	14 —	
Bremen Port Command	£ 478,106	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	44 —	6 —	29 5	14 —	1 —	2 1	— —	142 —	49 —	2 —	2 1	— —	— —	— —	195 —	—	—	—	—	
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	P 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	57 1	40 —	71 39	15 3	— —	— —	— —	236 —	90 —	10 —	3 18	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	28 —	—	—	

# APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 13 July 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE														c: Cases d: Deaths	
		Cases, Deaths															
Bavaria	8,169,731	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Württemberg Baden	3,293,283	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bremen Port Command	478,106	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,169,731	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Württemberg-Baden	3,293,283	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bremen Port Command	478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

# APPENDIX "C" Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 13 July 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery Infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	£ 16,201,284	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.73	6.13	21.76	3.31	20.54	.26	.19	79.77	23.05	2.47	.51	1.41	.38	—	.29	110.55	—	.03	1.19	.71	5.78
Mainfranken	935,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.12	5.00	22.79	3.89	14.45	—	—	15.01	6.67	4.45	1.11	3.33	—	—	—	90.04	—	—	—	—	1.67
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.29	5.28	19.45	.24	17.05	.48	—	85.71	26.89	3.36	.72	.48	—	—	—	167.83	—	—	.24	—	2.88
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,868,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.26	4.18	7.52	.28	12.26	—	—	56.83	17.55	1.95	—	.28	—	—	—	163.26	—	—	—	—	1.11
Schwaben	1,040,631	—	—	—	—	—	—	17.49	3.50	30.43	3.00	45.97	—	—	75.45	13.99	1.00	—	2.50	2.00	—	—	95.44	—	—	—	—	3.00
Oberbayern	2,160,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.04	5.77	17.80	1.44	28.39	.24	.24	83.25	25.02	1.68	.24	.72	—	—	—	78.92	—	.96	—	—	25.98
Kassel	1,153,323	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.86	4.96	11.27	4.06	10.37	—	—	62.22	17.58	1.80	.45	—	1.35	—	—	38.78	—	—	—	—	—
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.83	7.47	22.05	3.20	13.87	.71	.35	40.86	49.44	3.20	.71	.71	.71	—	—	1.78	—	—	—	—	—
Hessen	1,178,132	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.07	4.85	35.31	5.30	18.98	.44	.88	69.74	12.36	—	1.32	.44	—	—	3.97	132.86	—	—	9.71	14.57	—
Baden	1,249,127	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.30	6.24	38.30	10.41	12.90	.83	—	91.59	19.57	4.58	—	1.25	—	—	—	196.32	—	.42	—	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.10	4.07	16.28	3.05	38.92	.25	.51	64.11	14.25	1.53	.25	.76	.76	—	—	34.85	—	—	1.02	—	3.56
Bremen Port Command	£ 478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	47.85	6.52	31.54	15.13	1.09	2.17	—	154.44	53.29	2.17	2.17	1.09	—	—	—	212.08	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.37	22.02	39.08	8.26	—	—	—	121.83	49.54	5.50	1.65	9.91	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.41	—	—

£ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.  
(Rates Expressed as per population 10,000 per Annum).

APPENDIX "D" Incidence of communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone of Germany for period 1-15 June 1946  
(Summarized from Semi-monthly Reports of Regierungsbezirksärzte)

1	Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period																										
Regierungsbezirk	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	Anthrax	Blackleg	Cholera of pigs	Cholera of fowl	Cotill vesicular exanthema of cattle	Contagious pleuropneumonia of cattle	Dourine of horses	Encephalomyelitis of pigs	Encephalomyelitis of horses	Erysipelas of pigs	Foot-and-mouth disease	Glanders	Infectious abortion of cattle	Infectious abortion of sheep	Infectious anemia of horses	Malignant edema of cattle	Plague of fowls	Pox of sheep	Rabies	Scabies of cattle	Scabies of horses	Scabies of sheep	Strangles of horses	Trichomoniasis of cattle	Tuberculosis of cattle	Pyroplasmosis of cattle	
			17	1	25				3	182	6	1	2			15	431				106	9				7	
	TOTAL US ZONE 16-30 Apr 46									4	310	8	3	1		34	304				2	82	2		2	12	
	TOTAL US ZONE 1-15 May 46									7	456	24	3	16		13	307				1	86	3		2	8	5
	TOTAL US ZONE 16-31 May 46									3	452	242	7	6		9	2	185			1	117	3			4	3
TOTAL US ZONE 1-15 June 46										275		7	6		4		185				107	3					
LAND BAVARIA																											
Mainfranken																											
Ober- & Mittelfranken *																											
Nied. Bay'n & Oberpfalz *																											
Schwaben					4					44		7	3				5				35						
Oberbayern *																											
LAND GREATER HESSE										108	242				2	2				2						3	
Kassel										43					1	2										3	
Wiesbaden										32	242															3	
Hessen										33					1						2						
LAND WUERTEMBERG-BADEN									3	69					3					1	8				4		
Baden										31											4				4		
Wuerttemberg									3	38					3					1	4						
BREMEN ENCLAVE																											
BERLIN DIST. (US Sector)																											

\* Data for these Reg. Bez. not reported separately; but are included in Bavaria total.

